

Agency Overview

The Board of Nursing, created in 1911 by legislative action, is a self-governing regulatory agency charged to “safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Idaho through regulation of nursing practice and nursing education”. Board membership is defined in statute (Idaho Code 54-1403) and includes one (1) advanced practice registered nurse; five (5) licensed professional/registered nurses; two (2) licensed practical nurses; and one (1) consumer. Board members are appointed by the Governor to serve 4-year terms, and may be reappointed to serve up to three consecutive terms. The nine-member Board, which meets quarterly to conduct their business, annually elects from its membership, a Chairman and vice chairman who facilitate Board processes. Randall Hudspeth, NP, CNS from Boise is the current Board Chairman. Jill Howell, RN, Jerome, is Vice Chair. Other members include Janine Baxter, RN, Coeur d’Alene; Karen Ellis, RN, Pocatello; Analyn Frasure, LPN, Pocatello; Linda Humphrey, consumer, Jerome; Ridon Jones, LPN, Idaho Falls; Shirlee Meyer, RN, Meridian; and Susan Odom, RN, Lewiston.

The Board employs Sandra Evans, RN, Executive Director, to assist in accomplishment of their Mission and strategic goals, to implement Board actions, and to direct the day-to-day operations of the Board of Nursing. The executive director employs additional personnel necessary to administer provisions of the Nursing Practice Act and administrative rules of the Board, including an associate director for practice and discipline, a primary investigator, a management assistant and 6 additional support staff.

Day-to-day operations of the Board include:

- Licensure of Idaho’s 18,000 nurses by examination, interstate endorsement, reinstatement and biennial renewal
- Processing of fingerprint-based criminal background checks for initial and reinstatement licensure applicants
- Receipt and investigation of complaints of violation of the Nursing Practice Act
- Imposition of sanctions against the licenses of those nurses who are found to have violated provisions of the Act and administrative rules
- Review and approval of new and established educational programs preparing nurses for licensure and for continued practice
- Assessment of the continued competence of nurses licensed in Idaho
- Responding to requests for information related to licensure, practice, education and governance
- Management of outside contracts for service and operations, including contracts for monitoring nurses enrolled in the Program for Recovering Nurses, for historical and on-going reporting to the federal Health Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB); maintenance of provisions of the Idaho Patient Freedom of Information Act; for use of the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered and Practical Nurses, the examination used by all of the United States and territories for initial nurse licensure
- Management of provisions of the Nurse Licensure Compact, adopted in 2001, which allows for mutual recognition of state nurse licensure between the 21 member states
- Facilitation of activities of Board advisory committees and task forces

The Board of Nursing is supported by revenues generated through licensure and related fees, receiving no monies from the state’s General Fund.

The office of the Board of Nursing is located in Boise at 280 North 8th Street, Suite 210. Information about the Board is available on the Board’s website at www2.state.id.us/ibn.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

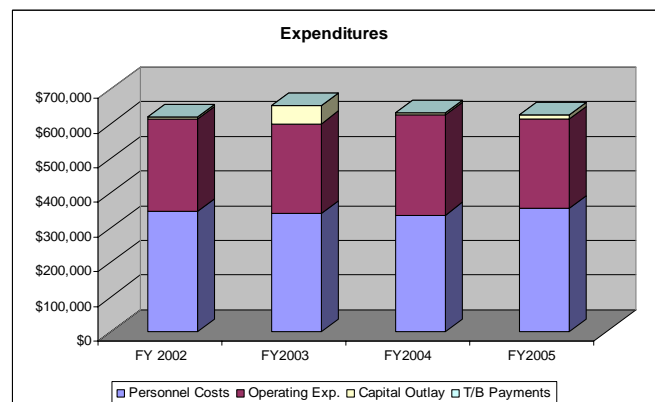
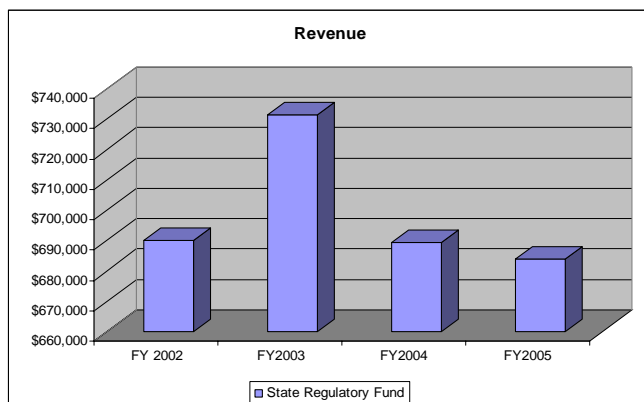
Idaho Code Title 54, Chapter 14 establishes the Idaho Board of Nursing and defines the powers and duties of the Board to include:

- 1) Licensing qualified persons for the practice of nursing in Idaho; renewing licenses; limiting, restricting, amending, denying, suspending or revoking licenses; and accepting the voluntary surrender of licenses/Idaho Code 54-1404

- 2) Establishing standards, criteria, conditions and requirements for licensure and investigating and determining eligibility and qualifications for licensure; and administering examinations for licensure/Idaho Code 54-1404
- 3) Establishing standards of conduct and practice and regulating the use of titles, abbreviations and designations for the practice of nursing/Idaho Code 54-1404
- 4) Establishing standards, criteria, and requirements for curricula for nursing education programs and evaluating, surveying, reviewing and approving nursing education programs/Idaho Code 54-1404
- 5) Evaluating the continuing competency of persons licensed pursuant to the nursing practice act and developing standards which will advance the competency of licensees/Idaho Code 54-1404
- 6) Receiving and collecting fees related to temporary and renewable licensure; administration of examinations, investigations and evaluations of applicants; duplication and verification of records; surveying and evaluating nursing education programs; and administrative fines for practicing nursing without benefit of licensure/Idaho Code 54-1404
- 7) Maintaining a record of Board proceedings, annually reporting to the Governor, and maintaining a public register of all licensed nurses/Idaho Code 54-1404
- 8) Entering into interstate compacts, contracts or agreements to facilitate nursing practice and regulation in Idaho/Idaho Code 54-1404
- 9) Making, adopting and publishing rules necessary to carry out the provisions of the statute/Idaho Code 54-1404

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
State Regulatory Fund	\$690,200	\$731,600	\$689,400	\$684,000
Total	\$690,200	\$731,600	\$689,400	\$684,000
Expenditure	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Personnel Costs	\$345,700	\$341,700	\$336,400	\$355,500
Operating Expenditures	\$266,800	\$258,500	\$289,600	\$257,600
Capital Outlay	\$6,900	\$51,500	\$6,600	\$12,400
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$619,400	\$651,700	\$632,600	\$625,500



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Licensure Issued	8,314	9,159	9,545	11,361
Complaints/Disciplinary action	86	95	120	125
Monitoring	84	83	85	103
Education Program Approval	19	25	28	24
Presentations/Publications	20	33	44	45
National Data Bank Reporting	38	33	46	39
HB 815	0	0	0	435
Board/Committee/Task Force Meetings	70	60	60	80
Outside Vendor Service Contract	6	6	6	6
Assessment of Competence	615	691	758	771

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